

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-09-17

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
October 2, 2017

Effective Date: October 3, 2017

Expiration Date: 30 June 2018
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

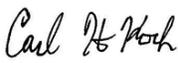
This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident TM059 Tier II moose hunting season in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Tuesday October 3, 2017.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(D) 1 bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side by Tier II subsistence hunting permit only; up to 250 permits may be issued.	Sept. 15–Oct. 3 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Carl H. Koch
Asst. Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

A December 2016 aerial survey in the Chilkat Valley found more moose (221) than found during surveys in the previous four years (avg. = 168). We believe the higher count in 2016 resulted from greater snow cover and improved ability to see moose, rather than substantial growth in the population. ADF&G's current management objective for this population is harvest of 20-25 bull moose with legal antler configuration (spike or fork (S/F), 3 brow tine (3BT) on one antler, or 50 inch antler spread). As of October 2nd, 25 bulls (1-S/F; 17- 3BT; 4-fifty inch plus, and 3-sublegal) have been reported. The harvest of yearling bulls has been low in the last several years with 2, 4, and 6 bulls with spike or fork antlers being harvested during 2014, 2015, and 2016, respectively. Calf survival is unknown in the Chilkat Valley, however the proportion of calves observed during surveys in 2014-2016 has been between 8-14%. Due to concerns of continued low counts of spike or forked bulls in the harvest and because our management objective (20-25 bull moose) has been met, an emergency order (01-09-17) is being issued to close the Tier II moose hunting season in this area at 11:59pm, Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

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